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TO AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS IMMEDIATE
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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SISCO

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER HENRY A.)

SUBJ: SECVISIT MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENCY

1. PLEASE CONVEY FOLLOWING POINTS TO PRESIDENCY ON
BEHALF OF SECRETARY:

AS SECRETARY LEAVES THE MIDDLE EAST, HE COULD STOP
IN DAMASCUS FOR A FURTHER TALK WITH PRESIDENT ASAD IF
THE PRESIDENT FELT THAT WERE DESIRABLE.

SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE WILL BE VERY TIGHT BUT
HE COULD ARRIVE IN DAMASCUS AT 1100 HOURS, SEPTEMBER 2
AND LEAVE AT 1345 HOURS. YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT IT
IS STILL POSSIBLE THAT UNEXPECTED DEVELOPMENTS COULD
CAUSE A CHANGE IN THIS PLAN.

PLEASE MAKE CLEAR THAT SECRETARY WILL UNDERSTAND
IF THIS TIME IS INCONVENIENT FOR PRESIDENT ASAD ON SUCH
SHORT NOTICE, BUT HE WANTED AT LEAST TO EXPLORE THE
POSSIBILITY.
KISSINGER

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